

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On Page 2, please replace the paragraph starting at line 4 with the following paragraph:

In the fuel cell, it is desirable to improve the sealing characteristics of the membrane electrode assembly and the separators. For example, Japanese laid-open patent publication No. 2002-25587 discloses a fuel cell directed to improve the sealing characteristics. As shown in FIG. 6, the fuel cell includes a membrane electrode assembly 1, and first and second separators 2, 3. The membrane electrode assembly 1 includes an anode 5, and a cathode 6, and a solid polymer electrolyte membrane 4 interposed between the anode 5 and the cathode 6. The surface area of the anode 5 is larger than the surface area of the cathode 6. A first seal 7a is provided around the cathode 6 on the inner surface side of the second separator 3. The first seal 7a is in contact with the solid polymer electrolyte membrane 4. Further, a second seal ~~7a~~7b is provided around the first seal 7a between the first and second separators 2, 3.

On Page 7, please replace the paragraph starting at line 19 with the following paragraph:

At the other end of the fuel cell 10 in the direction indicated by the arrow B, a fuel gas supply passage 34a for supplying the fuel gas, a coolant supply passage 32a for supplying a coolant, and an oxygen-containing gas discharge passage 30b for discharging the oxygen-containing gas are arranged in the direction indicated by the arrow C. The fuel gas supply passage 34a, the coolant supply passage ~~22a~~32a, and the oxygen-containing gas discharge passage 30b extend through the fuel cell 10 in the direction indicated by the arrow A.